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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, GSUSA

SUBJECT: Coordination between Intelligence Division, GSUSA,  
and Central Intelligence Agency

REFERENCE: Memorandum of 24 March 1949 (File GSUID-E 90A) from  
Director of Intelligence, GSUSA, to Director of  
Central Intelligence; Subject as above

1. This is in reply to your Memorandum of 24 March 1949 on the  
subject of coordination between ID and CIA.

2. I agree with you that it would be difficult, if not impossible,  
to frame definitions of "intelligence relating to the national security"  
and of "military intelligence" which would be unanimously agreed to by  
all concerned. "Intelligence information" does not seem to me so diffi-  
cult - it is the sum total of items of information required by an intelli-  
gence officer in planning an effective production schedule and in produc-  
ing actual finished intelligence. Finished intelligence, of course, has  
only a local and evanescent existence. If we had direct access to the  
finished intelligence produced today in Moscow we would regard it as a  
part of the intelligence information with which we had to work. Our own  
finished intelligence of yesterday may, because of overnight events,  
become a part of today's intelligence information, needing revision and  
correlation with other information before it can again achieve the status  
of up-to-date intelligence.

3. It appears that the working-level difficulties between this  
Agency and ID have resulted largely from off-the-cuff decisions by  
junior officers that such and such items of information had no bearing  
on "intelligence relating to the national security" and hence should  
not be made available. These working-level difficulties could probably  
be avoided by a general understanding that ID would ordinarily assume  
that CIA was the best judge of what was properly needed for the produc-  
tion of "national intelligence", just as my people assume that ID is the  
best judge of what ID and the Army need for the production of "military  
intelligence".

4. I have delegated this Agency's liaison responsibility to my  
Assistant Director for Collection and Dissemination, and have instruc-  
ted him to negotiate with the Chiefs of your Security and Training Group  
and Intelligence Group for the arrangement of those working-level contacts  
between CIA and the several agencies of the Army which may be to our mutual  
benefit.

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5. We can't hope overnight to solve all the problems which concern both CIA and ID, but with forbearance and cooperation on both sides we will be able to deal with them one by one in a manner satisfactory to us both. Please be assured that I warmly appreciate the cooperation which you and your officers have extended to my people.

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*signed - to [redacted] for dispatch*  
R. H. MILLENKOTTER  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central  
Intelligence  
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